

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Oksana Matveeva	Team: Squad #8	CCRB Case #: 201808326	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Tuesday, 10/09/2018 10:42 AM	Location of Incident: Inside the 60th Precinct stationhouse.	Precinct: 60	18 Mo. SOL 4/9/2020	EO SOL 11/24/2020	
Date/Time CV Reported Tue, 10/09/2018 12:41 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Tue, 10/09/2018 12:41 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. LT Christophe Zaleski	00000	923399	060 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POM Shazeel Zahid	18258	959396	060 PCT
2. SGT Daniel Loffredo	4310	949212	060 PCT
3. POF Jessica Roberts	02624	964729	060 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.LT Christophe Zaleski	Discourtesy: Lieutenant Christopher Zaleski spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)	
B.LT Christophe Zaleski	Off. Language: Lieutenant Christophe Zaleski made offensive remarks to § 87(2)(b) based on her perceived mental status.	

Summary of Complaint

On October 9, 2018, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB via the Call Processing System.

On October 9, 2018, at approximately 10:42 a.m., § 87(2)(b) went to the 60th Precinct stationhouse to amend her lost/stolen property report that was prior issued by NYPD. Lieutenant Christophe Zaleski from the 60th Precinct refused to amend § 87(2)(b)'s report and allegedly told her, "You know what, get the fuck out of my precinct," (**Allegation A: Discourtesy**, § 87(2)(g)). Then two unknown police officers asked Lt. Zaleski if they should arrest § 87(2)(b) and he allegedly responded, "No. Let her go. She is a cuckoo. Everybody knows she is crazy," (**Allegation B: Offensive language**, § 87(2)(g)).

The investigation obtained a stationhouse video footage from the 60th Precinct stationhouse capturing this incident [Board Review 06].

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Discourtesy: Lieutenant Christophe Zaleski spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation (B) Offensive language: Lieutenant Christophe Zaleski made offensive remarks to § 87(2)(b) based on her perceived mental status.

It is undisputed that on October 9, 2018, at approximately 10:42 a.m., § 87(2)(b) went to the 60th Precinct stationhouse.

According to § 87(2)(b)'s sworn statement [Board Review 01], when she pointed at a mistake in her lost/stolen property report, Lt. Zaleski, who stood a few feet away, yelled out to her that the reason for the report was irrelevant to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. § 87(2)(b) assured him that he was wrong and Lt. Zaleski yelled out to § 87(2)(b) "You know what, get the fuck out of my precinct." § 87(2)(b) replied, "It's not your fucking precinct." Then two unknown police officers asked Lt. Zaleski if they should arrest § 87(2)(b) and he allegedly responded, "No. Let her go. She is a cuckoo. Everybody knows she is crazy." Lt. Zaleski was described as a white male, possibly Polish, 6'0"-6'2" tall, 185 pounds, blue eyes, wore a short sleeve white shirt. § 87(2)(b) remembered that Lt. Zaleski's last name ended with "-wsky".

During Lt. Zaleski's statement to the CCRB [Board Review 02], he did not recall this incident. After multiple attempts to refresh Lt. Zaleski's memory, he still did not recall the incident or § 87(2)(b). Lt. Zaleski did not yell out to § 87(2)(b) "You know what, get the fuck out of my precinct," nor did he hear other officers say so. Lt. Zaleski did not tell § 87(2)(b) "No. Let her go. She is a cuckoo. Everybody knows she is crazy," nor did he hear other officers say so. Although Lt. Zaleski did not recall the incident or § 87(2)(b) the

investigation determined that he was the subject officer based on the description provided by § 87(2)(b) and the fact that his last name ended with “-wsky”.

In his testimony to the CCRB [Board Review 03], Sgt. Loffredo stated that he was assigned to the stationhouse as a desk officer. He did not recall this incident, even after reviewing the Command Log of the 60th Precinct stationhouse and confirming that he was at his desk at the time of the incident. After multiple attempts to refresh his memory, Sgt. Loffredo did not recall this incident or § 87(2)(b). Sgt. Loffredo did not have an independent recollection whether Lt. Zaleski worked on the incident date or whether any supervisors were present in the area where his desk was situated. Sgt. Loffredo did not make the alleged statements, nor did he hear any other officers do so.

In his testimony to the CCRB [Board Review 04], Police Officer Shazeel Zahid stated that he was assigned to patrol, however he was inside the stationhouse during the incident. He was in the office where police officers process complaints when he heard § 87(2)(b) being involved in a loud verbal argument in the waiting room area. PO Zahid went to the waiting room because she posed a safety concern to him. PO Zahid did not recall whom § 87(2)(b) had a verbal dispute with, however he recalled that she was arguing with two officers. PO Zahid did not recall if Lt. Zaleski or any supervisors were involved in a verbal dispute with § 87(2)(b). PO Zahid did not have an independent recollection if Lt. Zaleski worked on the incident date. PO Zahid did not make the alleged statements, nor did he hear any other officers do so.

In her testimony to the CCRB [Board Review 05], Police Officer Jessica Roberts stated that she was assigned to the stationhouse as a telephone switch operator. She further stated that she did not recall this incident. After multiple attempts to refresh her memory, PO Roberts did not recall this incident or § 87(2)(b). PO Roberts remarked that on the day of the incident, Lt. Zaleski conducted the Roll Call, however she did not recall if Lt. Zaleski was in the stationhouse during the incident. PO Roberts did not make the alleged statements, nor did he hear any other officers do so.

Stationhouse video footage obtained from the 60th Precinct stationhouse depicted § 87(2)(b) talking to an unidentified officer at the intake window [Board Review 10]. § 87(2)(b) received papers from the officer and exited the stationhouse. The video did not depict any argument, involving § 87(2)(b).

§ 87(2)(g)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which § 87(2)(b) has been a party [Board Review 07].
- Lt. Zaleski has been a member of service for 20 years and has been a subject in seven CCRB complaints and 21 allegations, of which four were substantiated:
 - 201507319 involved substantiated allegations of vehicle search, frisk, and search of a person against Lt. Zaleski. The Board recommended Command Discipline A and the NYPD imposed Formalized Training.
 - 201507631 involved substantiated allegations of vehicle stop against Lt. Zaleski. The Board recommended Formalized Training and the NYPD imposed Formalized Training.
 - § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.
- On March 5, 2019, a request to determine if a Notice of Claim was filed was submitted. Confirmation from the New York City Office of the Comptroller will be forwarded upon receipt [Board Review 08].
- § 87(2)(b)

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